

closed. Many of them support their families. They need money for books. We need a summer job program. With the defeat of this \$180 billion spending program for the war, we can do better.

The war should end. We've defeated the spending.

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#### WE NEED TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO OUR GROWING ENERGY NEEDS

(Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in the past few months, there's been a lot of talk about high gasoline prices and talk about commonsense plans to lower these skyrocketing costs.

Individuals and businesses across the Nation are suffering, Mr. Speaker, and there's too much talk. Congress must take steps now to address our Nation's energy needs. So today I'm proud to announce I'm an original cosponsor of H.R. 6001, the Main Street U.S.A. Energy Security Act of 2008.

This legislation is an action plan and our first step to energy independence. It will boost our national security by increasing domestic exploration, encouraging research in the area of alternative energy sources, and promoting clean nuclear energy.

Mr. Speaker, for decades the United States has not had a comprehensive energy policy. Now with gasoline prices eating up Americans' paychecks, we need to find solutions to our growing energy needs. We have the resources and technology available to make energy independence a reality.

So no more talk, Mr. Speaker. It's time to act and act today.

#### SUPPORT THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN EGYPT

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, our government should fight for the release of a key prisoner of conscience, the first person in the Arab world convicted for what he peaceably wrote on his blog. This case has attracted strong international attention and the personal interest of the President.

Last year, Egypt saw the deterioration of human rights and especially with regard to freedom of expression. Most troubling is the conviction and imprisonment of a young human rights activist and blogger, Abdel Kareem Nabil Soliman. Mr. Soliman, known for his Internet pen name Kareem Amer, was convicted for statements made on his personal Web log condemning Islamic extremism and the poor treatment of women and minorities.

He was sentenced to 4 years in prison, and while we recognize what he said may have offended some, his conviction

sets a dangerous precedent on the Internet.

On Saturday, the President will meet with President Mubarak. I urge Members to sign the letter to the President urging him to raise the case of Kareem Amer and to free this man, the first man in the Arab world convicted simply for what he said on his Internet Web log.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS BOGGS

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, last Thursday I was absent from this Chamber. Had I been here, I would have voted for Mr. FRANK's bill and Ms. WATERS' bill which dealt with the foreclosure crisis and the neighborhoods that have been affected thereby.

It was a difficult decision for me not to be here for I haven't missed a day in my 2 years that I've been in the Congress, but a very dear friend of mine, Thomas Boggs, passed away, and I was asked to be a pallbearer at his funeral, which I was honored to do.

Thomas Boggs was one of the finest people that I've had the pleasure of knowing, nearly 35 years. He was a leading citizen in Memphis, Tennessee, giving much to the community and charitable works to people, regardless of income, status or race. No matter where they came from, Thomas reached out to try to be good to them. He was very helpful with the Memphis Food Bank, with the Memphis Zoo, with raising money for the church health center that gives health care to people in need.

And his death was met with a lot of notice, notice that's not normally reserved for an individual: above-the-fold first page of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, a lead editorial, and a cartoon.

He was a wonderful human being. He has a great family. He was a good father, and he had many great friends. Even though we're Congresspeople, we need to remember we're citizens and humans and remember our friends on their last day.

#### DEMOCRATIC WIZARD BEHIND THE CURTAIN WAS REVEALED TODAY

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, the Democratic wizard behind the curtain was revealed today.

Pulling open the curtain, they brought forward their proposal as to dealing with our troops. After being kept out of consideration of that which was being brought to the floor, Republicans decided to leave the Democrats to their own devices.

Left to their own devices, what do we have? No money for our troops, a cut-

and-run policy, and extraneous funding being put on the bill. That's the Democratic approach to our war and fighting those who would kill us in places overseas. No funds for the troops, a cut-and-run policy, and extraneous funding placed on it.

The wizard has been seen.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER, THE HONORABLE ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PERLMUTTER) laid before the House the following communication from Katie Malone, Office of the Honorable ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 9, 2008.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a criminal trial subpoena for testimony issued by the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore County.

After consulting with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

KATIE MALONE.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maine (Mr. ALLEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. ALLEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### WINTER SOLDIER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, earlier today the Congressional Progressive Caucus held an event called "Winter Soldier" where we honored our men and women in uniform who have returned as veterans. And then this afternoon, we were given another bite at the so-called apple, as if we were continuing the honor of these winter soldiers.

What happened this afternoon, what happened less than an hour ago was an amendment on the House floor to fund the Iraq-Afghanistan war until June of 2009 failed. It did not pass. It failed. Now, that is the way to honor winter soldiers: stop paying for the President's debacle, for the failed international policy, for the damages that